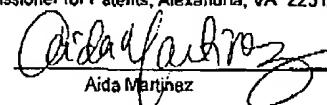


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Response to Final Office Action Mailed June 25, 2004

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. The present Response is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action. Thus, an Advisory Action is requested, should the Examiner not pass the case to allowance. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is on page 9.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).